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Louisville woman releases debut novel examining life, relationships and loss

"Curtains for Maggie" ranked Kindle #1 in first 48 hours of publication

PLYMOUTH, Mass. (May 22, 2023) – Career, family, friends, community – all aspects of life that evolve over time. “Curtains for Maggie,” a new book written by Karen H. Richardson, examines how three college friends, now in their forties, navigate their ever-changing and sometimes-messy lives. During its first 48-hours of publication, the book ranked number one in women’s Christian fiction on Amazon.

“Publishing this novel is a lifelong dream come true,” Richardson said. “As women, we were created with an amazing capacity to build and live a well-rounded life. I wrote this book to remind us that we are children of God, made in His image. We can’t let any one aspect of life get out of balance. I am honored to have the opportunity to share this message.”

A Louisville native, [Richardson](#) observes the world and the people she encounters as fodder for story. She’s been writing since her youth, including for Western Kentucky University’s College Heights Herald, various magazines, and her blog, “[KK’s Candor](#).” Richardson has worked in communications, marketing, and project management.

“In ‘Curtains for Maggie,’ Richardson invites us into the lives of three women ready to expand their worlds and meet new challenges,” said Ann H. Gabhart, best-selling author of “When the Meadow Blooms.” “Readers will enjoy following their story roads around the potholes of discouragement, past the roadblocks, and up the lanes of joy to find out if those curtains come up for Maggie and her friends.”

Curtains for Maggie

Maggie Nelson lost her identity. Nora St. Claire lost her husband. And Jan Stephens lost her job – sort of. The three friends from college, now in their forties, rediscover a special part of themselves that time and relationships have stolen. Their paths are messy, but each holds onto her faith, family, and friends. Along the way there are waves of conflict and winds of change, but they keep moving forward. In the end, each discovers how precious she is even in her own imperfection.

Released by Elk Lake Publishing, “Curtains for Maggie” is available on [Amazon](#) in paperback and eBook, and at bookstores through Ingram Books. [ISBN: 978-1-64949-882-3, Paperback, 304 pages]

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